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[54] **GRAPHIC HIGHLIGHT ADJACENT A POINTING CURSOR**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A technique is disclosed which facilitates the selection by a user of a graphic object on a display screen. Selection is by means of a pointing cursor which is moved about the display screen by means of a pointing device having a select button. When the pointing cursor is brought within a predetermined distance of a graphic object, the point on the graphic object closest to the pointing cursor is highlighted to show the user that that graphic object would be selected if the select button were pressed. If the user presses the select button when a point on a graphic object is highlighted, the entire graphic object is highlighted to indicate that it has been selected.

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